

H.B. 1490, AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT LOCAL REVENUES MAY NOT BE WITHHELD OR IMPOUNDED BY THE GOVERNOR AND TO CLARIFY THE FRANCHISE TAX ON ELECTRIC POWER COMPANIES. (S.L. 2002-120)

S.B. 1146, AN ACT CONCERNING VOLUNTARY SATELLITE ANNEXATION BY VARIOUS MUNICIPALITIES. (S.L. 2002-121)

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND PERMANENT
SUBCOMMITTEES**

The following reports from standing committees are presented:

By Representative Alexander, Chair, for the Committee on Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform:

S.B. 1054 (House Committee Substitute No. 2), A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A NONPARTISAN METHOD OF ELECTING SUPREME COURT JUSTICES AND COURT OF APPEALS JUDGES BEGINNING IN 2004; TO SET \$1,000 CONTRIBUTION LIMITS (\$2,000 FROM FAMILY MEMBERS) FOR JUDICIAL CAMPAIGNS BEGINNING IN 2004; TO ESTABLISH A PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING FUND THAT PROVIDES APPELLATE JUDICIAL CANDIDATES WHO AGREE TO CONTRIBUTION AND EXPENDITURE RESTRICTIONS WITH AN ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF FINANCING THEIR CAMPAIGNS BEGINNING IN 2004; TO SAFEGUARD CANDIDATES WHO OPT TO USE THAT SYSTEM BY PROHIBITING CERTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS TO THEIR OPPONENTS DURING THE TWENTY-ONE DAYS BEFORE AN ELECTION AND BY PROVIDING RESCUE MONEY WHEN THEY FACE LARGE EXPENDITURES BY OPPONENTS OR LARGE INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES; TO PROVIDE A JUDICIAL VOTER GUIDE TO BE FINANCED BY THE FUND; TO PROVIDE THAT THE FUND SHALL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS ASSISTED BY AN ADVISORY COUNCIL; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE FUND SHALL BE FINANCED BY METHODS INCLUDING A REVERSE \$1 CHECK-OFF ON THE NORTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX AND A \$50 CONTRIBUTION BY ATTORNEYS WHEN THEY PAY THEIR PRIVILEGE LICENSE TAX, with a favorable report as to House Committee Substitute Bill No. 3, which changes the title, unfavorable as to House Committee Substitute Bill No. 2.

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